



THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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PLANNING COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Tuesday, April 9, 2013

Homeowner's Lounge, BTI

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Terry Bender called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

2. OPENING CEREMONY

Terry Bender led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Commission members present and establishing a quorum:

Charlene Arneson	Seat A	Present- Attended telephonically
Terry Bender	Seat B	Present
Ed Hedges	Seat C	Present
Walter Finke	Seat D	Present
Dyanna Pratt	Seat E	Present

ADMINISTRATION PRESENT

Thomas Bolen, City Manager
Scott Korbe, Public Works Director
David Schofield, Chief of Police
Jennifer Rogers, Deputy City Clerk

PUBLIC PRESENT

Hai Han Ye

4. APPROVAL OF REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Ed Hedges made a motion to approve the April 9, 2013 regular Meeting Agenda.

SECOND: Walter Finke seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous

DISCUSSION: None

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Walter Finke made a motion to approve the Regular Meeting minutes of March 12, 2013 as is.

SECOND: Ed Hedges seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous

DISCUSSION: None

6. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

A. City Manager Reports:

Tom reported that he returned from Juneau the night before. He stated that the capital budget will be hugely reduced by a billion dollars this year. So out of all the requests that the City of Whittier has made, it appears that Whittier will not end up with much. The message that Tom Bolen conveyed while at Juneau was, "If nothing else, give us something for Whittier Creek." The millions that were requested for Shotgun Cove Road and the harbor will not happen, so he made the appeal for Whittier Creek.

He mentioned that he will have his first meeting with the ARR next week and will have more to report at the next meeting.

Charlene Arneson informed Tom that she had testified to the Senate Finance and will do the same for the House Finance when they open it up for public comment. Charlene told Tom that this was for information only.

Charlene also asked Tom whether or not he has a copy of the Emergency Operations Plan. Tom replied that he did. Charlene went on to further state that she was unsure as to when the plan-needed to be updated. Tom said that he and Dave Schofield will look into it.

B. Director of Public Works Reports:

Scott Korbe had nothing new to report.

Terry Bender asked if Dave Schofield, Chief of Police, if he had anything to report. Dave reported that he is completing the process of getting Whittier a tsunami ready community. He has placed several signs around Whittier and will post several more as weather permits. He stated that he should have all the signs up before the cruise ships arrive. He will then invite the tsunami people to see what he has done.

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Zoning Information

Charlene wanted to Tom to certified whether or not Jennifer Rogers has been appointed Zoning Administrator by the City Council. Tom verified that Jennifer Rogers was appointed by the City Council.

B. Wild Catch Café

Hai Han Ye stated that he was looking into purchasing an enclosed trailer, similar to an ATV trailer to help alleviate his storage situation. He further stated that he has his liquor license, so he had considered placing his "junk"

in there. Dyanna Pratt told Hai Han to tell everyone where he planned on putting the trailer. He replied that he would place it between his restaurant and the property he purchased from John Norris. This will be a temporary storage as he would remove it after a couple of seasons. Charlene asked if he visited the plot where he will place the trailer. Charlene suggested that Hai Han work with Scott and Scott has all the regulations and will be able to report back to the Committee on whether it needs to come back to us or not.

Scott asked Hai Han if he planned on conducting business out of this storage space. Hai Hain replied that he would allow people to store their luggage in it. Hai Han stated that regardless of whether or not he allowed people to store their luggage; he still needs the trailer for storage space. Scott stated that if it's outside of the Code, it would

be brought back to the Committee for a decision, but he feels that it can be handled administratively between the Administration and Public Works to handle this within confines of the code. Terry Bender welcomed Hai Han to make any further comments. Hai Han stated that if conducting business out of the trailer will be an issue then he can just use the trailer for storage. Scott invited Hai Han to speak with him discuss this issue. Dyanna Pratt added that she feels Hai Han will be providing visitors a benefit by providing them a place to store their luggage. Terry Bender stated that they store people's luggage at the harbor, but not too many people are aware of this service. Dyanna asked Scott to let her know if there are provisions for this.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Tank Farm

Tom reported that he came across some correspondence last week, but hasn't had a chance to put all the pieces together yet. He stated that "the ball is in our court" and it has not been moved forward. He will follow up on it and make sure that the process hasn't stopped. He stated that he might have more to report at the next meeting.

B. Land Trades with ARR

Tabled

C. Review of Hazard Mitigation Plan Update

The planning committee went on in detail over the next few minutes in reviewing and making changes to the LHMP book.

D. Smitty's Cove Park

Charlene asked Scott if he has any news to report. Scott replied that with the transition of the new city manager, he has not proceeded with Smitty's Cove Park.

E. Zoning- Head of Passage Canal

Tabled

F. Review of Tideland Zoning

Tabled

9. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

10. COMMISSION COMMENTS:

None

11. NEXT MEETING AGENDA ITEMS:

Signage for Anton Anderson Traffic Staging Area

12. NEXT MEETING ATTENDANCE PLANS: May 14, 2013 @ 7:00 pm

MOTION: Ed Hedges made the motion to adjourn the meeting.

SECOND: Walter Finke seconded the motion.

VOTE: Unanimous

13. ADJOURNMENT: Charlene Arneson adjourned the meeting at 7:55 pm.

ATTEST:

Jennifer Rogers
Deputy City Clerk

Charlene Arneson
Commission Chairperson